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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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### **NORTH DAKOTA**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **REGIONAL**

(Montana) **Chemical spill into Mont. river spurs water watch.** Estimates for the amount of chemical salt used for deicing that spilled into Clarks Fork River were revised from roughly 5,000 to 7,000 gallons, once crews recovered most of the wreckage from the February 11 tanker spill. Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2013/02/12/4463995/chemical-spill-into-montriver.Html>

(Montana) **TV station's emergency alert system hacked; viewers warned zombies 'rising from their graves.'** Two stations in Montana, KRTV 3 Great Falls and Billings CW, had their emergency alert system hacked February 11 as hoax messages about a zombie apocalypse played for viewers. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/tv-stations-emergency-alert-systemhacked-viewers-warned-zombies-rising-from-their-graves/2013/02/11/76af3dfc-74ab-11e2-9889-60bfcbb02149\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/tv-stations-emergency-alert-systemhacked-viewers-warned-zombies-rising-from-their-graves/2013/02/11/76af3dfc-74ab-11e2-9889-60bfcbb02149_story.html)

### **NATIONAL**

**Executive Order aims to facilitate sharing of information on threats.** The U.S. President issued an Executive Order which aims to enable better protection of critical infrastructure information technology systems through sharing cybersecurity information among relevant government and private entities. Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2013/02/executive-order-cybersecurity/>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**Grenades explode near U.S. Consulate in Nuevo Laredo.** The U.S. Consulate issued an alert as Mexican soldiers were sent to guard the building after three grenades exploded a few feet from the U.S. Consulate office in Nuevo Laredo. Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/local-news/20130207-grenades-explode-near-u.s.-consulate-in-nuevo-laredo.ece>

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**Hackers: Attacks on US banks will be resumed if all copies of film are not removed.** A hacktivist group that previously attacked U.S. banking Web sites threatened to resume attacks in a statement. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Attacks-on-US-Banks-Will-Be-Resumed-If-All-Copies-of-Film-Are-Not-Removed-328769.shtml>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

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## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**Hackers offer phone flooding services that “take care” of competitor’s phone lines.**

Cybercriminals have been seen advertising automated phone flooding services that could be used to disrupt businesses or prevent financial institutions from receiving reports of fraud.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Advertise-Phone-Flooding-Services-That-Take-Care-of-Competitor-s-Phone-Lines-329559.shtml>

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**Pentagon clears F-35B to resume test flights.** The U.S. Department of Defense cleared the F-35B Joint Strike Fighter to continue test flights February 12 after the planes were grounded for a month due to engine issues. The problem, identified as an improperly crimped fuelhydraulic line, has since been resolved. Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2013/02/dn021313-f35b-stovl-resumes-mil/>

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Broadcasters blame zombie hack on easy passwords.** A hoax emergency message that was played on several stations throughout the U.S. warning the public of a zombie apocalypse was attributed to weak password security at the stations. The Federal Communications Commission urged all television stations to change passwords and ensure that all equipment was secured behind a firewall in order to prevent any future incidents. Source:

<http://news.yahoo.com/zombie-hoax-blamed-lax-passwords-u-broadcasters-045834782--sector.html>

## **ENERGY**

**2 Colorado men indicted in oil and gas fraud case.** Two men were indicated for running an allegedly fraudulent oil and gas business by soliciting investors nationwide to invest over \$1 million in exploration and drilling of gas and oil wells. Source:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2013/02/11/2-colorado-menindicted-in-oil-and-gas.html?page=all>

**Corn shortage idles 20 ethanol plants nationwide.** Although industry experts do not forecast a shortage, a drought has led to corn becoming sparse and has forced close to 20 ethanol plants

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to stop production. Source: <http://www.wvnstv.com/story/21095017/corn-shortage-idles-20-ethanol-plants-nationwide>

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**Salmonella ground beef outbreak hits 18.** Two additional cases of Salmonella Typhimurium linked to tainted ground beef from Jouni Meats, Inc. and Gab Halal Foods, were reported raising the total number of cases to 18 in the U.S. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/salmonella-ground-beef-outbreak-hits-18/>

**Salinas firm initiates a precautionary recall because of possible health risk.** Taylor Farms Retail, Inc. of Salinas, California commenced a voluntary recall of certain Organic Baby Spinach products due to possible contamination with Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia (EHEC) coli. The brands vary, with some being sold in multiple States. Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm339569.htm>

**Nestle prepared foods company announces voluntary recall of Lean Cuisine Culinary Collection Mushroom Mezzaluna Ravioli.** Nestle Prepared Foods Company recalled two production codes of their "Lean Cuisine Culinary Collection Mushroom Mezzaluna Ravioli," with expiration dates of December 2013, due to the possibility of the products containing glass fragments. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm339140.htm>

### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Delaware) State Police say 3 dead in shooting in lobby of Del. courthouse; shooter among dead.** Police engaged a shooter that opened fire February 11 at the New Castle County Courthouse. Two officers were injured and three individuals, including the man that opened fire, died. Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/0438594305934d02abf4d449c21d9c1a/US---Courthouse-Shots-Fired>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Global malicious websites increase by 600%.** A Websense Security Labs report detailed several findings regarding Webbased cyberattacks, including that legitimate hosting services hosted 85 percent of malicious sites. Source: [http://www.netsecurity.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2411](http://www.netsecurity.org/malware_news.php?id=2411)

**Flash Player zero-day used to push "legal" surveillance malware.** Researchers at Kaspersky have found the DaVinci surveillance tool using an Adobe Flash Player zero-day exploit to install spyware on computers owned by activists and political dissidents in several countries. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flash-Player-Zero-Day-Used-to-Push-Legal-Surveillance-Malware-329224.shtml>

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**Google warns Myanmar reporters of 'state-sponsored' attack of Gmail accounts.** Google warned journalists covering Myanmar (Burma) that Gmail accounts are being targeted by state-sponsored attacks. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/021113-google-warns-myanmar-reporters-of-266576.html>

### **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**FDA safety regs faulted for lax oversight.** The Office of Inspector General at the Department of Health and Human Services released a report stating that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not effectively implementing their Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies provisions, and raising the question on where the authority should lie on managing drug risks. Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/scottgottlieb/2013/02/13/fda-safety-regulations-faulted-for-lax-oversight/>

**(Michigan) Another Mich. meningitis death linked to tainted steroids.** A man in Michigan died from health complications related to a meningitis outbreak from tainted steroid injections. This brings the total number of deaths to 16 stemming from steroids that originated from a pharmaceutical company in Massachusetts. Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2013/02/11/another-michigan-meningitis-deathlinked-to-tainted-steroids-from-mass-pharmaceutical/>

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**(Georgia) Nearly 600 storm grates stolen from Georgia roads.** Nearly 600 storm grates in the Atlanta area were stolen in the past 3 months, posing vehicle and pedestrian hazards. Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southeast/2013/02/14/223196.htm>

**12 cruises canceled on troubled Carnival cruise ship.** The owners of the Carnival Triumph cruise ship adrift in the Gulf of Mexico stated that the ship had previously experienced mechanical problems and canceled 12 future cruises aboard the ship. Source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/Business/Latest-News-Wires/2013/0214/12-cruises-canceled-on-troubled-Carnival-cruise-ship>

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## **WATER AND DAMS**

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## **HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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